

Brookline Solid Waste Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2008  
Submitted by John Dempsey

The meeting took place in the library of the Edward Devotion School at 5:45 P.M.

Present: Adam Mitchell, Ed Gilbert, Cynthia Snow, Barbara Field, John Dempsey, Preetha Mahadevan

Handouts: Agenda, Minutes of 6/3/08 meeting, Letter to TAB from Adam and John about PAYT discussion in the newspaper

- Introductions:

Josh Nemzer representing the BAA Boston Marathon

- Reviewed and Approved Minutes from June 3, 2008, meeting

- Agenda Review

- Boston Marathon - Josh Nemzer

Josh Nemzer (josh@dmsesports.com) had been invited to the meeting to discuss efforts to make the Marathon more "green."

Current BAA resource management

Marathon has two water/Gatorade stations in Brookline: Star Market and Coolidge Corner.

Captains at those stations bag paper cup refuse as best they can. DPW picks bags up.

Last year there was a small amount of cardboard.

DPW comes in with two leaf blowers and a street sweeper at the end to get litter.

Marathon does not have a way to capture single serve containers.

First aid stations do not generate a lot of waste.

Plans for 2009

Marathon seems willing to discuss ways to make the Marathon "greener."

John suggested BAA provide receptacles (temporary) for single serve containers to go with every Town of Brookline litter receptacle along the route. This would be for spectators.

Ed suggested marketing the Marathon as "green." Enlisting spectators and runners to recycle.

"We're providing recycling options. Please use them." This is an international event, as Ed pointed out.

Partnering with Brookline

Josh will talk with Dave McGillvary - race director

Josh will stay in touch with John

Possibly the BAA will use Brookline as a model for the other towns along the route.

We will work with the BAA about alerting DPW workers about the recycling initiative.

DPW may empty barrels and recycling during the event so they won't overflow.

We will monitor the October 12 Half Marathon at Cumberland Rd. and Pond St. water station to see how they do it.

- PAYT Committee Formation Update - John

We are still looking for two more members: one from a multi-unit building and one from a large family.

We defined a large family as more than four members.

Jesse Mermell will be the BOS representative.

The BOS expanded the mission of the Committee to look at more than PAYT so we have a "fall back" if PAYT is not successful.

We discussed whether expanding the mission of the Committee was a good idea.

Barbara suggested that the "family members" do not have to be related. e.g. homeowner and student renters.

The Board of Selectmen will "charge" the committee on July 15, 2008.

Andréa Downs from the Boston Globe City Section is writing an article about PAYT for the Sunday, July 6 edition. She contacted Adam, Ed, and John.

#### Flag Day Parade Success - Adam

Ed drove the truck

Adam, Cynthia, Preetha, and John represented SWAC

BHS students Samantha Bresler, Jonathan Bresler, and Jonathan Mande participated.

We discussed other creative things we could do for next year's parade, including getting more young people involved and planning earlier.

#### • DPW Update - Ed Gilbert

##### Tonnages - Fiscal Year Totals

Recycling went up 197 tons over the FY 07 numbers.

Solid waste went down 614 tons compared to FY 07.

For the year, we recycled 3,841 tons of paper.

For the year, we recycled 1,220 tons of commingled containers.

For the year, we disposed of 10,989 tons of trash.

Over 3 years, recycling went up 400 tons.

Over 3 years, solid waste went down 1067 tons.

#### HHP Drop Off Update

The stations are in at the transfer station.

Ed is hoping for a September opening.

#### Other

Ed distributed graphs:

1) Brookline Solid Waste FY 2006-2008 (by month)

2) Brookline recycling FY 2006-2008 (by month)

3) Average Amount of Waste Disposed/Household (2005 - 2008)

4) Number of households that received "warning" letters for not recycling in June 2008.

(Ed has been tracking the latter by early morning observations of the routes.)

#### • Assignments

John will be the contact person with the BAA

Adam will come up with a plan for Town Hall recycling receptacle purchases for Rich Kelliher

Adam will create a brochure about recycling at Town Hall for employees and visitors.

Ed will investigate DEP funding of the PAYT study.

Ed and John will meet with Jay Pagliarulo.

John will book the meeting sites for September 2008 to July 2009.

Everybody will monitor the textile drop-off. Bags of clothes are being left at the Walgreen's site.

#### • Adjournment

We adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at 5:45 P.M.

Location: Edward Devotion School Library, 435 Harvard Street